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2. SUMMARY: DEL VALLE PREDICTS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE NEXT "FEW WEEKS" ON EXILE, TORTURE AND DIALOGUE.
END SUMMARY.

3. DEL VALLE'S AND MY SCHEDULED APRIL 13 DISCUSSION
WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO HIS ACCOUNTS OF SOME ASPECTS OF
THE POPE'S EARLY APRIL VISIT AND HIS EXPECTATIONS OF
ITS CONSEQUENCES. FROM THE GOC STANDPOINT, IT WAS
CLEARLY A TRIUMPH THAT THE POPE HAD SPENT OVER
FORTY MINUTES WITH PINOCHET, INSTEAD OF THE TEN OR FIF
FIFTEEN PROTOCOL REQUIRED. DEL VALLE SAID, IN ADDITION
NEITHER THE POPE NOR THE PRESIDENT TOSSED ANY CHARGES O
ACCUSATIONS AT THE OTHER, SO THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY
GOOD. FURTHER, HE NOTED THE GREAT RESTRAINT SHOWN BY
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OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE VISIT, AND VERY LITTLE SINCE THEN. HE ONLY HOPED THAT THE OPPOSITION WOULD SHOW SIMILAR RESTRAINT. IN FACT, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THEM SAYING AN OCCASIONAL NICE THING ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO MEET THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS BUT THAT WAS PROBABLY TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR EVEN IN THE WAKE OF THE PAPAL VISIT.

4. NONETHELESS, DEL VALLE SAID THAT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE WOULD BE SEEING SOME GESTURES TOWARD THE CHURCH, BUT HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT AS TO WHAT THESE WOULD BE. IT WAS CLEAR HOWEVER FROM THE ABRUPT REACTION I GOT TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE CHURCH'S HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY, IT WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM SUCH GESTURES. DEL VALLE TREATED ME TO AN IMPASSIONED LECTURE ON THE DEGREE OF INFILTRATION BY MARXISTS INTO THE VICARIATES OF THE SANTIAGO ARCHDIOCESE, NOTING THAT DURING THE POPE'S VISIT THE ONLY DISTURBANCES OR "POLITICAL" USE OF THE VISIT (TO STRESS PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR POVERTY) CAME IN THE AREA OF THE CAPITAL, WHICH SHOWED THAT THE CARDINAL COULD NOT CONTROL HIS BISHOPS. HE MAINTAINED THAT BOTH THE HOLY SEE AND THE NUNCIO HAD BEEN TELLING THE GOC TO GO AHEAD AND PROSECUTE ANYONE THEY FOUND IN CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS WHO WAS INVOLVED IN "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES AND THAT WAS WHAT THE GOC INTENDED TO DO. THE LINE WOULD BE DRAWN AT ATTACKING BISHOPS, AND PROBABLY PRIESTS OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE CHURCH. MY SUGGESTION THAT THE PROLONGED DETENTION OF ONE OF THE VICARIATE DOCTORS LOOKED MORE LIKE A THREAT THAN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE BROUGHT ONLY ARGUMENTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT

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RELENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO UNCOVER SUBVERSIVES.

5. GETTING BACK TO THE POPE'S VISIT (DEL VALLE HAVING SAID HE WOULD NOT HAVE TOUCHED ON THE VICARIATE IF I HAD NOT RAISED THE SUBJECT), THE POPE HAD TOUCHED "DELICATELY" ON THREE PROBLEMS: EXILE, TORTURE AND DIALOGUE. IN EACH OF THESE AREAS, SOME STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN IN THE NEXT "FEW WEEKS" TO TRY TO MEET THE POPE'S CONCERNS. ON EXILE, HE EXPECTS PINOCHET TO INDICATE THAT EVEN THOUGH THE INITIAL

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VETTING OF THE EXILE LISTS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BEFORE LONG, THE PROCESSING OF CASES WILL GO ON. DIALOGUE MAY COME IN THE FORM OF NEWLY REGISTERED PARTIES BEING ASKED TO COME TALK TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, AND ON TORTURE SOME STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO MEET THE COMPLAINT THAT THE ICRC DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DETAINEES IN THE FIRST FIVE DAYS OF THEIR IMPRISONMENT. BUT IN NONE OF THE CASES, WAS HE PREPARED TO GO INTO MORE DETAILS EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT SAID ANYTHING TO CONTRADICT THE COMMENTS OF JUNTA MEMBERS MERINO AND MATTHEI FAVORING DIALOGUE WITH THOSE PARTIES WHICH DECIDE TO REGISTER UNDER THE NEW POLITICAL PARTIES' LAW. HE AGREED THAT GARCIA'S LETTER TO WHICH HE HAD ALERTED HE LAST TIME WAS NOT AS EXPLICIT AS HE HAD EXPECTED, BUT THE POINT IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO TALK.

6. WITH RESPECT TO HIS OWN TRIP PLANS, HE SAID HE HAS DECIDED TO PUT OFF THE IDEA OF A TRIP TO THE US

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IN MAY, SINCE HE PREFERS TO HAVE THINGS BETTER SORTED OUT HERE IN TERMS OF US/CHILEAN RELATIONS BEFORE HE PRESENTS HIMSELF IN WASHINGTON AND HAS TO FACE THE QUESTION AS TO WHY THE US AMBASSADOR IS NOT BEING RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT MINISTERS IN SANTIAGO. IN THAT CONTEXT, HE SAID AMBASSADOR ERRAZURIZ HAD RAISED THE MATTER OF MY "INCOMMUNICADO" STATUS WITH PINOCHET LAST WEEK JUST BEFORE HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, AND PINOCHET HAD SAID HE WOULD GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. ERRAZURIZ ADVISED DEL VALLE TO HOLD OFF THEREFORE. DEL VALLE IN TURN ASKED ME TO BE PATIENT UNTIL HE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE PINOCHET THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HIS TALKS IN MONTEVIDEO. I AGREED SINCE I WOULD BE OUT OF TOWN MYSELF THE REST OF THIS WEEK. DEL VALLE ALSO WANTED TO GET THINGS CLEARED UP BECAUSE HE KNEW GEN. GALVIN WAS COMING TO CHILE IN

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EARLY MAY AND I WOULD BE EXPECTING TO ACCOMPANY HIM, AS I HAD LAST AUGUST.

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7. COMMENT: THE MOOD FROM THE PAPAL VISIT CONTINUES TO BE GOOD AND IF THE GOC CAN BRING ITSELF TO MAKE A FEW GESTURES THAT WILL DEFINITELY HELP. I HAD THOUGHT TO MAKE A FEW SUGGESTIONS THIS TIME TO DEL VALLE ON POSSIBLE STEPS THE GOC MIGHT TAKE, BUT SINCE IT WAS CLEAR SOME ACTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON IN THE AREAS I HAD IN MIND, I DECIDED TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEY WILL BE. ON MY OWN SITUATION, DEL VALLE HAS PROMISED TO CALL ME SOON AFTER HIS RETURN LATE NEXT WEEK AND I BELIEVE WE CAN WAIT THAT MUCH LONGER. I SEE BUCHI EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE I TO SEE BEFORE DEL VALLE RETURNS. I DO SUGGEST, BUCHI EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE AT THAT LEVEL I NEED TO SEE BEFORE DEL VALLE RETURNS. I DO SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT ERRAZURIZ BE PUSHED WHEN HE IS NEXT SEEN AS TO WHAT HE DID WHILE HE WAS BACK ON THAT SUBJECT.
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